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Title:	Positive Pressure Fresh Meat Packaging System		

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Applicant respectfully requests return of the PTO-1449 forms, marked as being considered and initialed by the Examiner, by fax at (952) 742-6334. Applicant respectfully submits that no further fees are due for this procedure, however, if additional fees are required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fees to Deposit Account No. 04-1420.

Applicant would like to bring to the attention of the Examiner, that the Issue Fee is due on November 21, 2006, and a prompt response is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' representative at the below-listed telephone number if any questions should remain regarding this communication.

Respectfully submitted,

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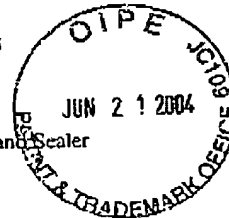
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